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This declaration is for an original application.

**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TITLE OF INVENTION**

ADJUSTABLE REINFORCED STRUCTURAL ASSEMBLY AND METHOD OF USE THEREFOR

**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

The specification was filed on October 10, 2001, as Serial No. 09/974,017.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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**PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER**

60/317,201

**FILING DATE**

September 5, 2001

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**ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION**

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**ADJUSTABLE REINFORCED STRUCTURAL ASSEMBLY AND METHOD OF USE  
THEREFOR**

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2002.


Date: 6/25/02

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State of Michigan )

  
Signature of Dean Jeffrey Schneider

JEFFREY P. THENNISCH  
Notary Public, Genesee County, MI  
Acting in Oakland Co., MI  
My Commission Expires 09/12/2005

Before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2002, personally appeared the above named individual, to me known to be the person described in, and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same of her own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

  
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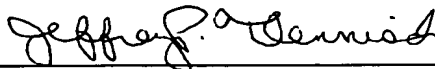
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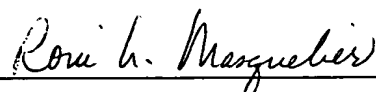
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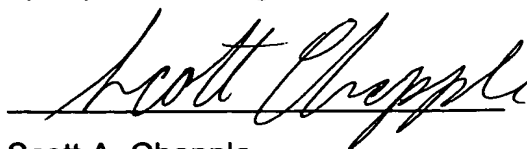
  
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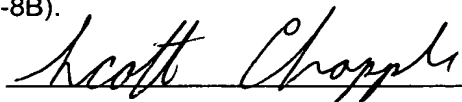
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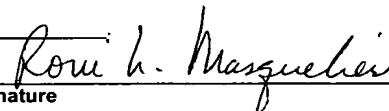
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